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Memo, PAG-TA, 2 Aug 94, Proposed Downgrading of Classified Documents for Cognitive Sciences Laboratory Volume 1 of 2 (U)

1st Endorsement, S-64,114/PAG-TA 5 Aug 94

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TO: PAG-TA

1. PSP has reviewed the enclosed documents and provides the following comments:

a. The documents were received with some information blacked out. We are unable to determine the significance or sensitivity of this missing information. We do note that it is sometimes possible to read through portions of the black strikeovers. Accordingly, the original pages bearing strikeovers should not be released as unclassified. Rather, machine copies of these pages should be made for release purposes.

b. The expertise and subject knowledge of PSP personnel are not adequate to overrule previous determinations made by SAIC or PAG-TA. PSP defers to the prior reviewers.

c. We noted two instances that bear a second look by PAG-TA.

(1) Yellow sticker tab 1: handwritten phonetics were bracketed for deletion, but typed phonetics were not. We have bracketed the typed phonetics as we believe this was an oversight.

(2) Yellow sticker tab 2: On this and the next few pages, a name is deleted in the "Interviewer" line, but left in the "Comments" line. We are not sure why the different treatment was given to the two data. We are not suggesting it is wrong, merely noting the apparent anomaly.

2. As contractor products for the US Government, these documents are subject to Freedom of Information Act requests. Their release in part as unclassified documents may trigger such requests by allowing the documents to become more widely known. PAG-TA needs to be prepared to field FOIA requests and defend any information withheld in terms of the exemptions permitted by the FOIA. If necessary, PSP can assist PAG-TA with any actual FOIA requests.

3. PSP point of contact is

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